

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10 at line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

In still another aspect of the invention, filler having the modified nanoparticles may be used in the ~~pultrusion~~ pultrusion process. Pultrusion is a manufacturing process for producing continuous lengths of structural shapes. Raw materials include a liquid resin mixture (containing resin, fillers and specialized additives) and reinforcing fibers. The process involves pulling these raw materials (rather than pushing as in the case of extrusion) through a heated steel forming die using a continuous pulling device. Pultruded shapes may be used for odor and gas control in the form of countertops, railings, tubes, rods and other structural materials and the like in pulp and paper mills, chemical plants, oil refineries, hotels and motels, ships, planes and submarines and so forth.